



A RESOLUTION to proclaim Ohio Deaf History Month

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Ohio has designated the period beginning March 13 and ending April 15 as Ohio Deaf History Month; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Deaf History Month celebrates deaf history and the contributions of individuals with hearing impairment and deaf community to society; and


WHEREAS, Recognition of Deaf History Month at the national level was initiated by two employees with deafness at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library in Washington DC; and

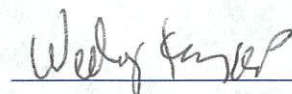
WHEREAS, The State Library of Ohio has a longstanding partnership with the Ohio School for the Deaf, working together to provide information for and about people who are deaf or hard of hearing; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's school, academic, public and special libraries make a difference in the lives of millions of Ohioans and provide excellent and invaluable service to library users regardless of age, ethnicity, disability or socioeconomic background; and

WHEREAS, many libraries in Ohio and across America are celebrating Ohio Deaf History Month with a variety of special displays, programs, or events; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that on this day, January 19, 2023, the State Library Board proclaims Ohio Deaf History Month, March 13 – April 15, 2023, and encourages Ohio libraries to host deaf awareness activities during this month-long celebration, using closed captioning where available for virtual events.


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